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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 13, 2005 (Paper No. 5), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 13, 2005, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on April 12, 2005.

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